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Applicant: Robert W. Coulombe

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Title: **GRIPPING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING THE
HOOF OF A HORSE FROM CONCUSSIVE FORCES**

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL (37 CFR 1.116)

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to an Office Action ("the Action") of August 11, 2004, a "final rejection", please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: Are on Page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims: Are reflected in a "Listing of Claims" presented on Pages 3 – 17 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments: are on Pages 18 – 34 of this Reply.

Conclusion and Summary: are on Pages 36 and 37 of this Reply.